

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Cloudcroft Municipal School District Number 11

March 8, 2010 - 6:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jackie Cates, Vice President
Doug Porch, Secretary
Bill Denney, Member
Ed Woten, Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Terry Buttram, President

OTHERS MEETING WITH THE BOARD

Tommy Hancock, Superintendent
Amy Lane, Assistant Superintendent
Roman Renteria, HS Principal
Joey Rogers, Activity Director
Sharlotte Lund, Business Manager
Teresa Housler, Secretary
Jennifer Smith, Alamogordo Daily News
Dulaney and Susan Barrett, Ran Loy
Denton Schilling, Noellen Rogers
Susan and Jim Maynard, Margo Whitt
Helen, Barry and Gina Tisdale
Lance Wright, Steve O'Connor
Karen and John Braziel
Mark and Karlee Alvord
Wendell Lane, Larry Evans
Chris and Kendra Goss-Mydock

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Jackie Cates called the regular session of the Cloudcroft Board of Education to order at 6:00 PM, Monday, March 8, 2010.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Porch made the motion, seconded by Mr. Woten, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Porch made the motion, seconded by Mr. Denney, to approve the minutes of February 8, 2010 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

VISITORS

Steve O'Connor asked if there has been any decision made regarding a four day school week. Mr. Hancock said that we are waiting to see what bills Governor Richardson signed. If there are no more budget cuts affecting schools, the district would not go to the four day week.

Denton Schilling asked about Character Counts and positive programs that are at the Elementary/Middle School and how they are carried through to the High School level. Mr. Hancock asked him to meet with the principal and he could answer these questions.

Dulaney Barrett read a letter he had addressed to Mr. Buttram and the Board regarding the recent appointments to the Board and how he felt like proper procedures were not followed according to the Open Meetings Act. He asked that the Board set aside Mr. Woten and appoint him to the position originally vacated by Mr. Winkles. Mr. Hancock recommended the district consult an attorney on this matter. Mr. Denney made the motion, seconded by Mr. Porch, that an attorney be consulted. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Tisdale asked about a recent accusation regarding staff member's use of tobacco products on school grounds or at a school function. Mr. Hancock advised these questions be directed to the immediate supervisors and they would follow the chain of command outlined in the School Board Policy, and stated how the Board policy could be accessed on the internet.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Check Registers: Sharlotte Lund reviewed the check registers for the Operational fund checks #109217-109286 and Capital Improvement checks #303398-303415.

Budget Adjustment Request(s): Ms. Lund presented one in-house budget adjustment request to the Board. In-house bar #56 was in Operational. All in-house bars are transfers within the same function and always end in zero dollars.

Ms. Lund presented four PED budget adjustment requests to the Board. Document ID #48-0032, in the amount of \$22,562, is the budget authority for the 2009-2010 school year for money received for Medicaid reimbursements. Document ID #48-0033, is a correction BAR for document #48-0031. PED gave the district the wrong fund number for the Lighting Grant. Document ID #48-0034, in the amount of \$12,229, is the budget authority for the 2009-2010 SB9 state match. Document ID #48-0035, in the amount of \$(12,349), is the budget authority for the 2009-2010 school year for the 4% state decrease in the budget.

Cash Transfer(s): There were no cash transfers to report to the Board.

Inventory Report: There was no inventory report to present to the Board.

Budget Report: The Board reviewed the Budget Report through February 2010.

After discussion, Mr. Hancock recommended the Board approve the financial reports. Mr. Porch made the motion, seconded by Mr. Denney, to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Lund reviewed payroll, cafeteria, activity check registers, and the bond expenditure report with the Board. These items are for information only.

ACTION ITEMS

Change Date for April Meeting: Due to Spring break, Mr. Hancock requested the Board look at another date for the April meeting. Mr. Porch made the motion, seconded by Mr. Woten, to change the date of the April meeting to April 5. The motion passed unanimously.

First Reading of Policy Advisory No. 69 (GBEB) and No. 70 (JFC): Mr. Hancock reviewed the proposed changes to policy advisory 69 (GBEB), and 70 (JFC) with the Board.

Approve Waiver for Graduating Senior: Mr. Renteria asked the Board for a waiver for a new senior the district received from Georgia. She took the Georgia exit exam and Georgia history. Mr. Renteria is asking for a waiver for NM history and the NM competency exam. The student is in good standing. Mr. Woten made the motion, seconded by Mr. Denney to approve the waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Student Activity Report: Karlee Alvord reported that last week was FFA week and they raffled off an I-pod. The FFA banquet will be on May 11. 4-H won an award for their float at Mardi Gras. At the last Knowledge Bowl competition, the varsity team placed first, and the junior varsity team placed third. The planned Valentine Student Council dance was cancelled due to the weather. Key Club is preparing for the Mayfair. Both boys and girls basketball teams finished 4th in the district. Rodeo starts next week with the first competition in Farmington.

Activity Director's Report: Mr. Rogers reported that the basketball season is complete. In wrestling, Ben Faust finished third at the state meet. The first track meet was this week in Carlsbad, and Chris Simpson placed first. Golf has also started. Mr. Rogers reported for Mr. Wright that testing is coming up at the Middle/Elementary Schools. He has been filling in for Mr. Wright after his recent knee surgery.

Principal's Report: Mr. Renteria reported earlier that enrollment at the High School is 156. There are 36 freshmen, 42 sophomores, 22 juniors, and 46 seniors currently. He reminded everyone that we will be on Winter break this Thursday and Friday, and Monday will be an in-service.

Assistant Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Lane stated that there were questions about her job, and she reminded all that she was also the curriculum director and testing coordinator as well as the assistant superintendent. The High School students are taking the competency test now and should be done by the end of next week. Next year the 11th graders will take the standards based assessment test. Mrs. Lane is in the process of observing all teachers and will finish tomorrow. Several parents have expressed concerns about the amount of time spent testing students. Mrs. Lane received a letter from PED which would allow schools to do only Federal required testing. The district would like to continue the DIBELS test and the MAPP test, which usually includes K-8, 9th and 10th grades, but test only 3-10 grades and the state would eliminate the science portion. Mrs. Lane invited the Board to stop by the Elementary/Middle School on Tuesday or Wednesday when Yvonne Shay will be here observing and meeting with the teachers regarding DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment).

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hancock reminded the Board that our school would be hosting the 2010 Spring Regional meeting on April 29. He would like to meet with the Board soon so they can decide on the agenda, menu, and entertainment for the meeting.

Mr. Hancock discussed teacher/student achievement and budget information with the Board.

Mr. Wright is doing well since his recent knee surgery.

Mrs. Cates thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

John Braziel asked about the questions community members had for the Board. They will be addressed when Mr. Buttram is available to answer them.

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ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business or discussion before the Board, Mr. Denney made the motion, seconded by Mr. Woten, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST _____ SIGNED _____

APPROVED _____, 2010.